

REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, claim 1 has been amended to improve form and without change of substance.

No new matter is presented and, accordingly, approval and entry of the foregoing amendments are respectfully requested.

STATUS OF CLAIMS

Claims 1, 5, 18, and 22 are rejected.

All remaining claims are either allowed or indicated to be allowable if suitably rewritten.

ITEM 2: REJECTION OF CLAIMS 1, 5, 18, AND 22 FOR ANTICIPATION UNDER 35 § 102(b) BY KANAZAWA (USP 5,446,344)

The rejection is respectfully traversed.

The present invention provides a method of driving a plasma display panel comprising, as set forth in the paragraph in the body of claim 1:

before said reset operation, a removal operation of removing wall charges formed, by said sustain discharge operation performed between said sustain discharge electrodes, on an address electrode for selecting said display cell.

The Examiner points out that the constitution of the present invention has been disclosed in Figs. 7 to 12, Abstract and column 20, lines 18 to 31 of Kanazawa (USP 5,446,334).

Applicants respectfully disagree.

In the cited portion, Kanazawa instead describes that an excessive negative wall charge on an address electrode is partly removed after an address period and before a sustain discharge occurs:

This discharge partly removes the excessive negative wall charges on the address electrodes Aj, so that normal sustain discharge will the continued thereafter.

(Col. 20, lines 27-30; emphasis added)

Clearly, Kanazawa neither discloses nor suggests the constitution of the above mentioned removal step of the present invention, which removes the wall charges which are accumulated on the address electrode as a result of the sustain discharge.

Accordingly, the present invention differs completely from Kanazawa in its constitution, object and advantage.

CONCLUSION

In accordance with the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the pending claims patentably distinguish over the reference to Kanazawa and, there being no other objections or rejections, that the application is in condition for allowance, which action is earnestly solicited.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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